



Arizona House of Representatives
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Monday, April 15, 2019

Governor Douglas A. Ducey
Executive Tower
1700 West Washington Street
9th Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Ducey,

Your visit to Nogales last Thursday gave us something important to agree on; there *is* an emergency at the border. It is the humanitarian crisis of more than 20,000 asylum-seekers that have been released in Arizona to fend for themselves without a plan or appropriate resources. These families are released from ICE once they are determined to have a credible application for asylum in the US and left to find their way to their host family ahead of their first immigration hearing. It is only due to the grace and efforts of valley churches, nonprofit organizations and dedicated community volunteers that the asylees are fed, sheltered, clothed and helped onward in their journey.

This volunteer network cannot continue to carry the load unassisted without help from the state. Arizona must step into our humanitarian duty to ensure the safety and dignity of these people who have already endured so much. Especially with the dangers of human trafficking that exist within our communities. Therefore, we ask that you join us in the following measures:

- Join us in calling on ICE to allow the asylees to make travel arrangements with their host family earlier in the process.
- Provide an appropriation to provide relief and support to the nonprofit organizations that are offering direct aid.
- Help to identify and secure a long-term shelter solution for asylees.

The undersigned are open to have a conversation with you and your staff to talk about how we as a state can provide relief. This issue can no longer go unattended.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Longdon

State Representative LD24

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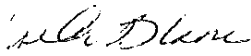
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Richard Andrate

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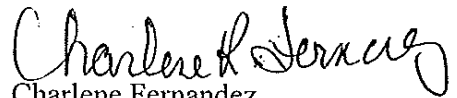
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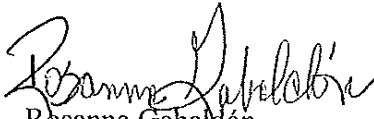
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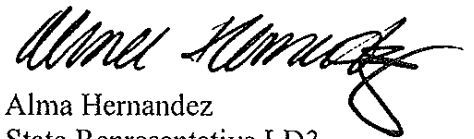
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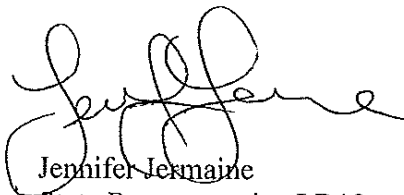
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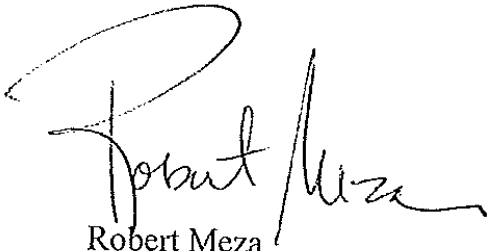
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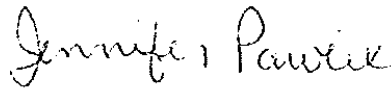
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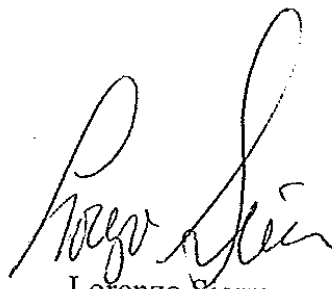
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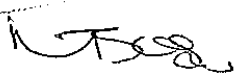
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